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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Michigan House Energy & Technology Committee

From: Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President, Business Advocacy and General Counsel
Jason Geer, Director of Energy & Environmental Policy

Subject: Senate Bill 636

Date: December 10, 2013

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the Michigan Chamber of Commerce **strongly supports Senate Bill 636**. This important update to Michigan's Telecommunications Act will allow our telecom companies to invest in the future rather than the past. Senate Bill 636 will keep Michigan on the cutting edge of telecommunications technology and give job providers a competitive advantage. We urge your support of this common sense reform.

Senate Bill 636 will end the out-of-date regulation that requires telecom providers to maintain their entire wire line network at the expense of expanding and improving their wireless and fiber optic networks. Modernizing Michigan's communications infrastructure will drive innovation and attract investment, thus enhancing service, competition, reliability and safety for all residents.

This legislation will help provide faster access to the much needed updated fiber optic networks and wireless technology that employers and employees want and need.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce requests that you **Vote YES on Senate Bill 636** to help keep Michigan on the cutting edge of telecommunications technology.

If you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact us at 517-371-2100.